

The doctor
you kindly
sent was just
exactly the same
as I saw but
so just as good
Gandy, & very
convenient
Many thanks
from
at

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My dear Bernice,

Your letters to Mamma
and Laura arrived yesterday
and very sorry we were to
hear that you have not
been well but trust that
by this time you are
feeling all right. Laura
was much pleased with
a letter addressed to her
and will answer it soon
she is better, but till to-day
has been very deaf this morning
she seems to hear much
more easily and altogether
looks brighter, as soon as she
can take the fresh air
I think she will gain

quickly -

Day before yesterday we had such a pleasant surprise - a visit from Mr Gibb & Charlie. They were at Como, & weather and roads being propitious they concluded to drive on here - yesterday Pappa & Mr G. went to Chatham. Pappa only too proud to show off the good travelling qualities of his crack Colt - Charlie and I followed with the little Canadian pony that they drove up with, & we all had a very pleasant time - Mr Cushing has got a splendid Billiard table, one he bought at the sale of furniture at the Caledonia Springs

So the gentlemen were well
amused - Charlie was very
agreeable, but a little weak
on hygienics - he took
tea at James' where everything
was very nice indeed. - but
on the way home - C remarked
"I nearly laughed to hear
a blessing asked on such
catastrophes, especially to hear
the words "Bless to us the
use" of this food" - for
days he "there wasn't a
thing to keep body & soul
together" - bah - I nearly
laughed at him & told
him I thought him a
little morbid on such
subjects - but he said

he came so near the cemetery
himself from not eating
muscle & brain forming
food that he couldn't help
thinking a great deal of these
things — They left this morning
for town, it is a pretty cold
day - but clear & sunshiny —
weather that I am sure
you would enjoy instead
of mildness & dampness.
You will be surprised
to hear of the death of
Dr Howard. — He has been
feeble all winter, and in very
low-spirits, fretting so much
about poor Bob, you know the
Dr told him that his only
chance of living was to
leave Canada so he went
to the high lands in California
his absence from home

I hope Laura will be well
enough to go for I want the
fun of dressing her - I think
Mary will be at home by
that time so I have concluded
not to go to skate as fear
Miss Harringtons would
be suspecting - besides I'm
not a hot skater yet.

I have been studying
French of late and quite
enjoy it - Mrs J. Stackhouse
got up a class & I willingly
joined - we attend three
times a week - If you will
write to me in French I will
promise to answer it -
Mary went to the Atwaters
yesterday all so has had a
very nice time - Papa
thinks of going down for
her next week -

troubled the father very much
and may in a measure have
brought on his death. He has
seen it about a year - five
or six hours with the
girls the journal will
be to-morrow and paper is
to be sent of the salt beanes.
I changed some salt to
sugar subjects I must
tell you they are all busy
planning costumes for
the Carnival - last week
they had the in, Carillon
which went off very well.
At the last moment Mamma
said Maria might go to
the house of the moment
and go as a
Pulquerita lady - a very
pleasant one and one of
the best on the ice